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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
KAZUHIRO TAKAHASHI, ET AL. ) : Examiner: H. Nguyen  
Application No.: 09/749,926 ) : Group Art Unit: 2851  
Filed: December 29, 2000 ) :  
For: EXPOSURE APPARATUS ) : July 2, 2002

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated March 4, 2002 to and including a Federal Holiday, July 4, 2002 and further to July 5, 2002. A check in the amount of \$110.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows.

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